

## Our Christmas GREETING.....



To all our old friends who have been loyal, who have helped us and whom we have helped as best we knew, and to the newer friends whom we will cherish through the years until they become old friends, and to YOU whose friendship we want and will ever strive earnestly to deserve, we tender this

## GREETING



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A bunch of high-brows have been invited to Washington to discuss and divine what is the matter with the youth of this country. Huh, anybody ought to know what is the biggest trouble. Mainly parents that spoil them, too much money, laying out at night and in bed late in the morning, not made to work and earn what they eat and wear, not made to obey what their elders tell them, both daddy and mammy interfering with teachers when they discipline them, and paying fines assessed against them instead of being made to work the streets and reap what they sow. In plain words, no boy is worth a darn until he is made to smell the patching, to root hog or go hungry. That is what is wrong with the average boy. Doing mammas make a dunce out of them as a final touch of foolery.—Rainbridge (Ga.) Post-Searchlight.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ryan returned to El Paso Friday of last week.

Among other Carlsbad young men who have returned from school for the holidays, is Dick Culppepper, who came from Lawrence, Kansas, and is at the home of his parents in Rio Vista.

Rev. A. C. Douglas and wife and little daughter, Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Slease, returned from their trip to Portales, getting in Monday night at about six o'clock. They report a very good attendance at the conference of the district, between fifty and sixty ministers and lay delegates being present, and a very interesting and profitable session being conducted. The next session will be held at Hagerman.

Worship at the Presbyterian church Sunday will observe the Christmas festival. The music will be appropriate, and at the morning hour the choir of women's voices will sing Shelley's "Angels from the realms of Glory." The sermon will have to do with "A Baby Prince." In the evening at seven o'clock there will be celebration by the Sabbath school. A printed program will be followed, and the children will be largely used.

Miss Dorothy Swigart will return from school at Kansas City, to spend the holidays with home folks, arriving today and remaining eleven days.

"Good fellows" should have good habits, but many of them don't.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

We extend Christmas greetings to our many friends. May our friendship grow stronger as time goes on. May you enjoy what you have, accomplish what you attempt and find nothing to regret is our sincere wish.

**H. A. BOCK**  
THE PLUMBER

### LEGEND OF THE MISTLETOE

Yuletide Bough Was Responsible for Death of Balder, Son of Odin, an Old Story.

THE mistletoe bough, according to an old Scandinavian legend, was responsible for the death of Balder, the son of Odin, and the God of Eloquence and Poetry. Having informed his mother, Friga, that a dream had warned him of his imminent death she invoked all the powers of earth—fire, air, earth and water (including all animals and plants)—to come to his rescue. In the combats of the gods, therefore, he found himself uninjured.

But Louke, his deadly enemy, was determined to discover the secret of his invulnerability, and by judiciously flattery Friga, and praising the progress of her son, obtained from her the reason. But, she foolishly told him, there was one feeble little shoot she had not thought it necessary to invoke—the mistletoe.

The treacherous Louke immediately procured a branch of the mistletoe, and entering the assembly of gods presented an arrow made from it to blind Heda, with the words—"Balder is before thee. Shoot!" He shot and Balder fell, pierced and slain.

And countless thousands have since been "slain" and will be slain for ages to come with "darts" from the "mistletoe bough."

### MYTHS OF CHRISTMAS SEASON

Among Some of Peasantry of France is Belief That Bread Remains Fresh Ten Years.

LEGENDS and myths without number have become associated with the celebration of Christmas. Among some of the peasantry of France is a strong belief that loaves of bread baked at Christmas will remain fresh for ten years. It is also believed by some of the simple folk that during the whole of the Christmas holidays a portion of bread should be left on the table day and night because the Holy Mother may come to share it. For some reason not to be explained, there is a superstition among some French peasant wives that no bread must be baked between Christmas day and the Feast of the Circumcision, because an infraction of this rule will bring disaster on the household.

There is a peasant belief of age-long standing that if the cattle on the farm be given drink immediately after the midnight mass of Christmas, their health will continue good throughout the year. Another belief is that if seed of wheat be wrapped in a tablecloth, which has been used for Christmas dinner, a profitable harvest will be insured. Another strange belief is that a cold bath taken on Christmas day will protect the bather against fevers and toothache throughout the year.

### CHRISTMAS RIBBONS

IF CHRISTMAS ribbons could express themselves they would say that people were thrifty, for some ribbons claim to have been doing business every Christmas for many, many years. They are often pressed and made to look their best, but they're the same ones used again and again. However, if they could philosophize they would rejoice that they were the means of adding gaiety, color and cheer to Christmas packages year after year!

### THE WILD BOAR'S HEAD FEAST

Animal of Woods in Early Days Provided One of the Most Popular Christmas Dishes.

IN MEDIEVAL England it was customary to commence all grand Christmas feasts by the solemn ceremony of bringing in the boar's head as the initial dish. The master cook, preceded by trumpeters and other men with bear spears and drawn falchions and pages carrying mustard, bore the smoking head aloft on a silver platter, which he deposited at the head of the table. The head was garlanded and garlanded with rosemary and laurel, and a lemon, symbol of plenty, was placed between its grinning chops.

To the end of her life, Queen Victoria retained the ancient custom; also in many of the public schools and universities the boar's head is still the great dish of the Christmas banquet. On such occasions every diner rises and joins in the "Boar's Song," which has been sung for centuries. The words are set to the common chant of the prose version in cathedrals.

### IT'S DIFFERENT NOW.

Lady: I suppose you wish Christmas came several times a year.  
Willie: I used to till I got engaged to Millie. Next door, but it's different now.



The Merry Christmas. Jud Tunkins says that wishin' a man a merry Christmas and takin' pains to provide him with a merry Christmas are two different things.

### THE TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Period of Good Will and Kindly Thought for Others, Most Important on Calendar.

HAT if, as a Scrooge-like cynic intimates, the Christmas spirit comes to us but once a year, not even he will attempt to assert that we are not the better for it. Think what it would mean if that period of good will and kindly thought for others were dropped from our calendar. No blessed interruption to our too generally self-centered lives; no yearly oasis of brotherly sentiment to purge us, however temporarily, of selfishness and cause us, if only for a few days to think of making others happy.

Pre-eminently the children's festival, as of right it should be since it commemorates the nativity of the

### If Your Christmas

Is as Merry, as Joyous and Happy as I wish it to be it will be the

### Merriest of All

you have ever known. And I also wish for you a New Year that will be crowded with prosperity, contentment, good health and true happiness. I thank you one and all for patronage of the past year.

### JOHNNY BOEGLIN

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Christ Child, it transforms us all, whatever our years, into children of larger growth. We experience anew the glad expectancy of childhood, the thrill that far surpasses any realization, and find our greatest pleasure in the simple childish emotions of love and joy.

And this is the noblest Christmas gift, the gift of the true Christmas spirit that captures and takes possession of each one of us, "Except ye be converted and become as little chil-

## CHRISTMAS AND 1923

MAY THE SUNSHINE OF THE CHRISTMAS CHEER ENTER INTO YOUR HEART AND DWELL THEREIN ALL THE DAYS OF THE NEW YEAR.

**J. E. WALLACE**  
CONTRACTOR & BUILDER

may ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

### PEACOCK PIE FOR CHRISTMAS

Gaily Plumed Bird Formerly One of the Principal Delicacies at Yuletide Feasts.

HICKEN pie, beefsteak pie, and pumpkin pie, not forgetting apple pie and cheese, the great American institution—all of these have a familiar ring to our ears, but who of us has ever tasted the famous English dainty of dainties, peacock pie? Yet at one time, this was a favorite Christmas dish which was brought in with a great deal of ceremony by the lady, most distinguished in all the company for beauty and high position. Many times this dish was garlanded with the head and tail of the peacock in such a way as to appear that the bird was alive. Knights made vows over it to break spear in defense of beauty and distress. It was this ceremony which gave rise to the once popular oath "by cock and pie."

Probably the use of the peacock pie as a Christmas dish arose from the old belief that the flesh of the peacock is incorruptible which of course would make it a symbol of immortality and new life.

To the people of today the peacock is a symbol of vanity.

## TO OUR GOOD FRIENDS AND PATRONS

To you whose friendship and good will have helped to make the past year a satisfactory one to us we send our cordial appreciation, and our sincere wishes for

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS

May you enjoy a full measure of pleasure during the season and may the coming year bring you the greatest happiness and prosperity you have ever known

## STAR PHARMACY

### SOME OLD YULETIDE BELIEFS

Season Supposed to Control the Destiny of Children Born at Gladsome Time.

AN OLD superstition says that it is lucky to be born on Christmas Day.

French peasants believe that in addition to being lucky Christmas Day babies have the gift of prophecy; while in Silesia there is a belief that a boy born on Christmas Day will become either a lawyer or a thief.

Among Voeges peasants, children born on Christmas Eve are supposed to be endowed with what is vulgarly termed "a good gift of the gab," while those born on Christmas Day are supposed to have less tongue and better reasoning powers. A daughter born on Christmas Day will grow up to be wise, witty, and virtuous.

A curious bequest for the benefit of Christmas Day babies was left by a man who died in 1915. By the terms of his will each child born in the testator's native town on December 25th receives five pounds as a birthday gift.

THE Y. P. M. S. Meets. The Young People's Missionary Society, met Tuesday evening, December 12th at the parsonage for a business meeting. It was time for the annual election of officers. Games were played until the crowd arrived. Rev. Hatfield took the chair and the business meeting then commenced. The new officers elected were: Hazel Bell, president; Richard Rienecke, vice president; Leola Porter, secretary, and Mildred Stanley was elected treasurer.

The various committees will not be appointed until the next meeting, when the new officers are installed. After the business meeting had been adjourned, games were again played. Light refreshments of chocolate and wafers were served.

Study your neighbors, and your friends, but let that study be in a spirit of fairness and impartiality. They all have their faults, which are more often upon the surface and open to criticism. But they also have their good qualities, which are generally under the surface, felt only by the few and unknown to the many. Most men have more good qualities than bad ones. But the bad ones, like the skunk, command instant attention, while the good ones are passed by without notice.

## A CHRISTMAS FOR YOU

As the year wanes, and we stand on the threshold of a new one, with gratitude we remember that you have been our patron.

And our thoughts go out to you winged with wishes that health and happiness may ever be yours and that success in full measure may attend your future days.

**Stephenson Sanitary Dairy**